

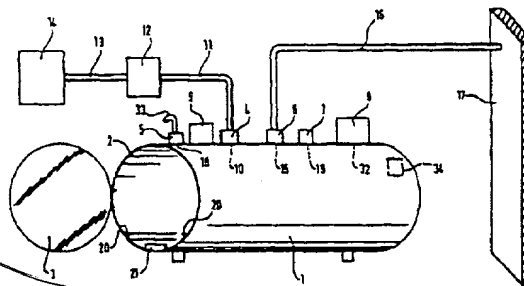
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method for processing fresh meat and fish. The fresh meat is stored during a set time in an airtight chamber (1) to be locked after oxygen has been supplied thereto, in an atmosphere comprised mainly of oxygen, under a pressure higher than the atmospheric pressure. During the oxygen supply process (12), the temperature is selected at such a level and the supply set/controlled at so low a speed that the fresh meat cannot freeze. During storage, the pressure is so high and the storage duration so long that the fresh meat is entirely impregnated with oxygen. Furthermore, the oxygen exhaust is set/controlled at sufficiently low a speed to prevent fresh meat from freezing and enable the oxygen with which the processed fresh meat is impregnated to be removed with no blistering.

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